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SUBJECT: AID FOR MOZAMBIQUE: PRC GIVES BIG BOOST TO TOTAL

1. LOCAL NEWS MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO PRC-MOZAMBIQUE

AID AGREEMENT SIGNED JULY 2 BY PRC MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

YEH FEI AND BY PRM MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

MARCELINO DOS YANTOS. UNBER AGREEMENT, PRC PROVIDES MOZAMBIQUE

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\$56 MILLION INTEREST-FREE LOAN, WITH AMORTIZATION SCHEDULED

TO BEGIN IN 1990 BUT WITH NO FIRM DATE SET FOR TOTAL REPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL. AGREEMENT ALSO REPORTEDLY INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR PRC TO SEND TECHNICIANS TO MOZAMBIQUE.

2. COMMENT: PRC LOAN IS LARGEST SUM OF AID EITHER OFFERED OR RECEIVED BY MOZAMBIQUE UNDER THE MTG AND ITS SUCCESSOR THE PRM. INCLUDING RECENT AID OFFER OF \$1 MILLION FROM NIGERIA ANNOUNCED DURING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, FOREIGN AID COMMITMENTS FOR MOZAMBIQUE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1974 NOW TOTAL AT LEAST \$140 MILLION -- AN IMPRESSIVE SUM. OF THIS TOTAL, APPROXIMATELY \$114 IS BILATERAL ASSISTANCE; THE REMAINING \$26 MILLION MULTILATERAL. THIS AMOUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE AS OFFSET FOR IMPOSITION OF RHODESIA SANCTIONS. WALKER

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